

ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE AND VIRGINIA ADVERTISER.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

"To show the very age and body of the Times."

The stockholders of the Baltimore City Passenger Railway Company at a meeting held yesterday adopted a strong report condemning the present Board of Managers of the Company for extravagance, bad management, and general incompetence in the management of its affairs. Most of the charges are understood to be directed against Mr. Henry Tyson, late President of the Company. Ex-Gov. Bowie, the present President, who was at the meeting, explained that the abuses complained of had been remedied, and other reforms initiated.

A trick that has had more existence in the imaginations of romancers than in real life was successfully employed at the Tombs, in New York, yesterday. Sharkey, who nearly two years ago murdered Dunn, and was convicted of the crime in the first degree, and has since been awaiting a new trial, escaped in female clothes which were supplied to him by a woman admitted to him in his cell.

The water of the fountain of Lourdes in France has become a subject of expert. The ship Senegal left Bordeaux last month for Buenos Ayres, carrying nine casks of this water.

J. H. Horton, the bank forger, has been sentenced to two years' imprisonment at Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The sentence is light enough certainly.

Several citizens of Baltimore in a spirit most commendable, design to open on Thanksgiving Day, and to continue throughout the winter, a Soup House.

The Government has concluded a treaty with Germany in relation to the interchange of postal cards.

France.

PARIS, Nov. 19.—In the Assembly to-day the debate was continued on Gen. Changarnier's motion for an unconditional prolongation of President MacMahon's power. Mr. Rouher moved that the question be referred to a plebiscite, and advocated his motion in a speech, in which he hinted that Providence might in time restore a Bonapartist to power.

The excitement over these remarks temporarily suspended the proceedings of the session. The vote upon Rouher's motion was finally taken, and it was rejected by a vote of 499 to 88.

The Assembly held a tumultuous session to-night. Depoyre, a member of the Right, moved an amendment to the report of the committee on prolongation providing that President MacMahon's powers be prolonged seven years, independently of the adoption of the constitutional bill.

LaBoulaye, Grey and others opposed the amendment, but it was adopted by a majority of 66.

A motion was then made by the Right that a committee of thirty be appointed to report on the constitutional bill.

The motion was adopted by a majority of 68.

Mass Meeting in Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 19.—The mass meeting at Maryland Institute to-night of citizens who favor free Cuba and national intervention was the largest and most enthusiastic held in Baltimore since Kosuth's reception. Every part of the immense hall was crowded, and hundreds were turned away unable to gain admittance. Col. E. M. Yerger presided. Speeches were made by Col. Yerger, W. P. Preston, H. H. Hobbs, Charles A. Evans and Col. A. T. Stone, of Louisiana.

Resolutions were adopted by acclamation condemning the result to the flag; denouncing the butchery that followed; declaring it the duty of the Government to make immediate demand for the surrender of the survivors, the surrender of the Spanish butchers, the surrender of the Virginians, and the occupation of Cuba until reparation is made to the families of the slain, the recognition of the belligerent rights of Cuba, and standing by the declaration made to Great Britain in 1842 by the United States, to wit: "In every regularly documented American merchant vessel the crew who navigate it will find their protection in the flag that is over them."

Confagurations.

ATCHISON, Nov. 19.—On Saturday last a destructive prairie fire swept over a large area of country about sixty miles from Atchison, and continued during Monday. About six miles of ties on the central branch of the railroad were burned, and several small bridges consumed. The destruction of fences, houses, &c., is immense. Several houses near Corning were burned, and also a large quantity of corn in shocks.

Several disastrous fires have also occurred along the line of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad. No trains have passed over the Central Branch railroad since Saturday until to-day, when the regular trains got through.

BUILDING ASSOCIATION CASE.—This morning Judge Humphreys in the Equity Court made a decree in the case of Matthew Pabst against Blake and Kelly, trustees of the Economic Building Association. This was a bill for an injunction to restrain the trustees from selling the property of the plaintiff, whom it was alleged was in default of payment of dues, fines, &c. The cause was referred to the auditor, who made a report to the court, and the plaintiff filed exceptions thereto, the following of which were sustained by the court: 3. The contract is void because its conditions are against law, and violate the law of usury. 5th. The contract contemplated a loan, and was not an advance of partnership funds. 6th. The fines should not have been allowed.

The decree passed by the court refers the report back to the auditor, with instructions to charge plaintiff with legal interest from the time of such loans; also with amount paid by defendants for insurance, and to give credit to plaintiff for all moneys paid by him, with legal interest from the date of each payment to March 1st, 1872, and to strike a balance, which shall bear 6 per cent. interest until paid; and further decrees that Blake and Kelly be enjoined from selling under the deed of trust.—*Wash. Star.*

JUDGE BOND'S DECISION.—According to the Lynchburg Press Judge Bond's recent bankruptcy decision is to be ignored by Judge Rives. The Press says:

"The decision is in direct conflict with the act of 18th February, 1873. Judge Rives, we learn, does not regard it as law, and continues to determine cases in direct opposition to the views of Judge Bond as expressed in this case. It will be seen that Judge Bond has travelled out of his way to decide matters that are not at the bar, and therefore his opinion is a mere obiter dictum, which the district judge does not feel bound to regard either in law or equity. It should be borne in mind that the decision of Judge Bond affects no other cases than the one he had before him at the time of the rendition of his opinion, or such as may come before him in the future. It is more than probable that the case he has decided, or another, will be carried to the Supreme Court for final adjudication. Meanwhile, we learn that our district judge will in the future continue to construe the act of February, 1873, as has been his wont in the past."

Many questions are put respecting the effect of Judge Bond's recent decision on the "Home-Steal Law," as affected by the Bankrupt act. It may be well to say the decision of Judge Bond is not necessarily final. Any case where the amount in controversy exceeds \$200, may, under the provisions of the Bankrupt act, be carried to the Supreme Court of the United States. And we understand a case is in preparation to test the correctness of Judge Bond's views by an appeal to the Supreme Court.—*Local Mirror.*

VIRGINIA NEWS.

The suit of Capt. W. W. Hardwicke, Chief of Police, of Lynchburg, against George H. Burch, Mayor of the city, for \$10,000 damages for malicious prosecution in suspending him from office, which has been on trial in the Circuit Court for the past week, was decided Monday, the jury rendering a verdict for Hardwicke in the sum of \$1,600.

The bridge across Staunton river, on the Lynchburg and Danville railroad, has been completed, and the trains now go over it. Track laying on the south side of the river has been commenced, and a large force of hands are pushing it vigorously forward.

The Loudoun Mirror says:—"One day last week Messrs. J. W. Pettit, of Washington, Samuel Lutz and A. H. Lloyd, of this county, bagged in one day 58 partridges, one jack-snipe and one rabbit."

Old Aunt Nelly, a colored woman, aged one hundred and five years, died on the farm of Mr. John O. Lewis, in Albemarle county, last week.

Fairfax County Court.

[REPORTED FOR THE ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE.] FAIRFAX C. H., Nov. 19.—The November term of our County Court closed about noon yesterday. The following is a summary of the proceedings:

Twenty-five deeds were certified for record since the last court, and sundry estate and guardian accounts admitted to record, no exceptions having been taken thereto.

The last will and testament of Robert Darne was presented to the court by John R. Darne under a rule entered at last court requiring him to produce the same, and a subpoena ordered for the subscribing witnesses as to the will and codicils.

Wm. Kidwell's application for a road was continued.

R. E. Broadwater, Sheriff's account against the county for conveying poll books to several precincts, amounting to \$5, was allowed and ordered to be certified to the Board of Supervisors.

W. Powell's account against the Commonwealth, amounting to 90 cents, was allowed and ordered to be certified to the Auditor of Public Accounts. (As late jailor this bill was in full for a period of four months.)

W. T. Gunnel's account against the Commonwealth for \$2.25, was allowed and ordered to be certified.

W. B. Howard's account against the Commonwealth, amounting to \$9.30, was ordered to be certified.

Thomas T. Burke, elected Superintendent of the Poor, executed his bond in the sum of \$5,000, and took the several oaths of office.

License was granted Wm. Whelan to keep a private entertainment at the old McNeerney House, at Langley.

An ordinary license was granted Nancy Slack. On N. W. Pearson's motion for a road, report recommended to viewers for further report.

The grand jury empaneled at this term found the following: An indictment against Jno. Ridgway, for an assault and battery, a true bill; an indictment against Thomas Field, for injuring and disfiguring two certain houses, the property of Isaac Hale, a true bill; an indictment against Edmund Dove, for perjury, a true bill.

John Costegan vs. M. McClair; upon appeal; rule against plaintiff to employ counsel. Com. vs. Eli Brooks; charged with rape; prisoner bailed in the sum of \$200.

Wm. H. Pettit, jailor's account against the Commonwealth for the sum of \$4.75, was ordered to be certified.

Com. vs. Edward Dove; upon an indictment of the grand jury. H. W. Thomas and M. H. Wells appeared as attorneys for the defendant; demurred to indictment, and the court ordered that the defendant be discharged of the recognition in this case.

The following allowances were made by the court:

To James M. Love, allowance from July 1st, 1872, to Jan. 1st, 1874, \$450.

To F. D. Richardson, clerk, his allowance for the same period, \$300.

To Dallas Powell, jailor, for the same period, \$112.50.

To R. F. Broadwater, Sheriff, do. \$90.

For ringing bell, &c., \$22.50.

To F. D. Richardson, clerk, stationery for same period for County and Circuit courts, \$75.

At a meeting of the Bar and officers of the court, held on Monday, H. W. Thomas was called to the chair and Thomas Moore appointed secretary, when appropriate resolutions in reference to the death of L. B. Taylor, esq., were offered by Col. M. D. Ball, and were unanimously adopted. These resolutions were presented to the court on Tuesday by the chairman, on whose motion, after an eloquent and appropriate eulogy on the life, character, services and ability of Mr. Taylor, were, by the court, ordered to be spread on the minutes of the court. Judge Cocke, before making the order, said the resolutions which have just been read, express truly the sentiments of the court in regard to the lamented dead. I have known him intimately for the third of a century. As a friend he was warm and ardent; as a gentleman he was polite and polished; as a lawyer he was able and learned, but he is gone forever, leaving the name of Taylor long to be remembered by this Court and Bar. Q.

MANY AMUSING incidents have occurred during the progress of the Tichborne trial. The following was among those which caused the most laughter. Mr. Hawkins, the leading counsel for the Crown, is considered a great master in the art of cross-examination. Dr. Kenely, in his speech, told this story to illustrate the dangerous ingenuity of his opponent:

"Indeed, my learned friend can sometimes make witnesses say what he pleases. You perhaps may remember the great bug case, in which my learned friend shone with such lustre. It was an action brought by a London householder to recover rent, which the defendant refused to pay because the house was so overrun with bugs that he could not live in it. My learned friend examined, and cross-examined, and re-examined the witnesses till the whole court seemed filled with an atmosphere of bugs. My learned friend at last asked a witness, 'Were not the bugs in such strong numbers and so well organized that when you went to catch them they turned round in the bed and barked at you?' This poor witness was so overcome by my learned friend's skill and audacity that he answered, 'I believe they did.'"

D. W. VOORHEES RETIRES FROM POLITICS. Hon. D. W. Voorhees, of Indiana, has announced his intention to retire from politics. In a conversation recently he made the following statement:

"I have made my last political speech before the people, and I am glad of it. The pleasure of pursuing my private concerns as a citizen is exceedingly grateful to my feelings, more so than you can ever see. I want every one to unite to unite the elements of disaffection against the present order, they may be able to elect a President. The name need not necessarily be changed, but the party must be essentially a new one."

THE ORIGINAL QUEERS.—A correspondent of Notes and Queries has these interesting reminiscences of Dotheboys Hall, in Yorkshire:

Dotheboys Hall is still here, no longer a school. Mr. Shaw, the original of queers, married a Miss Laidman, who was a sort of cousin of my father. The school buildings were pulled down, but the house (Dotheboys) is still a very nice, handsome one, with large offices and cow houses. We learn from our landlady that in the room where we are now sitting (Uncle Tom's Cabin) Dickens had lunch the day he and a friend rode over from Barnard Castle to see and make sketches of Mr. Shaw's school and this same old lady, Mrs. Highmore, waited on them.

Dickens was only here that day, but he stayed longer in Barnard Castle, and got a great deal of gossip, not too true, about the school, from one "bad lot," a quondam usher of Shaw's, and "bad lot," who had indeed been turned out for bad conduct. Mrs. Highmore tells me, as indeed my father always says, that Dotheboys Hall is a most exaggerated caricature. But somehow the description was in some respects so correct that everybody recognized it. Poor Shaw took it to heart, and did not shoot good, got childish and paralytic, and soon died. The school went down fast. Mrs. Shaw also died broken-hearted. But a good deal of money was left behind. Mrs. Highmore says there was an immense number of boys, that Mr. Shaw chartered a special coach to bring them from London (the coachmen on one of the great coaching roads between York and Glasgow), and that there was great joy in the village on the arrival of the coach and its precious freight—quite the event, in fact, it was. She says the boys were used very well, and fed as well as could be expected for \$20 a year; that there might be things wrong, but no complaints were ever made; that Shaw made money, because on his own farm he grazed the cows and fed the sheep and pigs which supplied the boys' food.

THE MOUNT VERNON ASSOCIATION.—Yesterday a number of the vice regents of the Mt. Vernon Association paid a visit to Mount Vernon in company with Gov. Walker and lady, of Virginia. There were present of the vice regents Mrs. Halstead, of New Jersey; Mrs. Washington, of West Virginia; Mrs. Ball, of Virginia; Madame Bergmans, of Philadelphia, and Surgeon General Barnes, of the District of Columbia.

The party left at 10 o'clock a. m., and returned at 4 o'clock p. m., after a delightful visit. The vice regents say that although the visit was an unofficial one, they inspected the premises thoroughly and found everything in complete order. They are unanimous in their praise of the condition of the estate since it has passed into the management of Col. McMillan, Hologworth, and say that no perceptible improvement could be made in affairs there.

It was resolved by those present that an effort should be made to increase the endowment fund, with a view of keeping up the necessary repairs and improving the grounds.

Mrs. A. V. Brown, of Tennessee, has been appointed a vice regent, and not a regent, as has been erroneously reported.—*Wash. Chron.*

MR. THOMAS BARING.—The cable brings a report of the death of Mr. Thomas Baring, the head of the great English banking house which bears his name. Mr. Baring had reached a good old age, having been born in 1800. The establishment over which he presided was an institution of his own creation, aided by wealthy and titled relatives and friends. His oldest brother was the late Sir Francis Baring, who was raised to the peerage as Lord Northbrook. In 1835 Mr. Baring was elected to Parliament, and in 1843 he was a candidate to represent London, but was defeated by a majority of 156 only. In the next year he was returned from Huntingdon, and held the seat up to the time of his death. He was a Conservative in politics, and Lord Derby is understood to have twice offered him the Chancellorship of the Exchequer. From 1830 to 1868 he was Chairman of Lloyd's. In all his long and busy life he held many important positions, and was prominent no less in the social than in the financial and political circles of England.

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COMMERCIAL.

ALEXANDRIA MARKET, Nov. 20.—Offerings of Wheat on "Change to-day were very light, and the market continues fairly active for choice samples at yesterday's quotations; sales of white at 100, 155 and 160 for prime to choice, and red at 150, 155, 158 and 160 for same qualities. Corn is firm, and prices are quoted 16c better; offerings of 1706 bushels mixed, with sales at 90 1/2 and 65 for new, and 70 and 73 for old. Rye is quiet at 85c. Oats are active at an advance; sales at 46 and 47, with offerings of 230 bushels.

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, NOVEMBER 20. SUN ROSE..... 6:46 MOON SETS..... 9 1/2 SUN SETS..... 4:45

ARRIVED. Steamer Express, Baltimore, to J. Brothers & Co. She reports passing one light schooner, bound up, off Maryland Point, at Lower Cedar Point, with no prospect of getting off, as she went ashore at high water; also one schooner, loaded with lumber, bound to Georgetown, ashore at Dade's Shoals, and the tug Samuel Gledhill, with a lighter in tow off Maryland Point, bound to the latter's assistance.

Steamer Lady of the Lake, Norfolk, to F. A. Reed. She was caught in the late storm, and three o'clock Monday evening, and lay up at Liverpool Point until its violence had abated, and consequently did not arrive at Norfolk until 4 p. m. on Tuesday.

Steamer Pilot Boy, Currioman, to F. A. Reed, sailed.

Steamer Palisade, Currioman, by Jos. Brothers & Co. Sch. R. E. Pecker, Georgetown, by Hoo & Johnston. Sch. Lizzie Dewry, Portland, by Wm. A. Smeot. Sch. O. S. Groves, Stonington, coal by American Coal Co. Tug boat Arctic, Norfolk, by master.

MEMORANDA. Sch. Abbie Bursley, hence for Boston, passed through Holt Gate 18th. Sch. Belle Crowell, from Boston for this port, arrived at Newport 16th. Sch. Eva, Uncas and Charley W. Isley sailed from New London for this port 17th. Sch. E. R. Kirk, hence for New Haven 17th. Sch. W. B. Chester, Mary R. Sommers and Henry Adelbert, from Boston for this port, sailed from Vineyard Haven 16th.

MARINE DISASTERS. Sch. Thos. Fitch, from New London for Tangier Sound, was run into and sunk at 4 o'clock a. m. on the 14th instant, during a heavy gale, 14 miles northeast of Fenwick Island by the sch. Sunlight, of Boston, from this port for Scotland. The ship was heavily laden with Dutch Island harbor by the Sunlight 17th. The Sunlight lost jibboom and bowsprit, sprung bowsprit and split mastsails. Sch. L. B. Cowperthwait, from Newburg for Washington, was sunk in the harbor of Lewis, Del., during a heavy gale on Monday night. Crew saved.

CANAL COMMERCIAL. ARRIVALS. Boat W. P. Woods, to Hampshire and Baltimore. Owl Co. H. C. Whalley and Gen. Grant to W. A. Smeot; D. Stewart, J. P. Moore, J. Bradburn, J. L. Reid, M. Sandford, M. A. Myers, M. Snow, W. W. Shepherd and D. Cromwell, to American Coal Co.

DEPARTURES. Boats J. W. Morris, Clara, J. H. Stickney, H. Delidell, J. Dayton, S. Lloyd, D. M. Redd, S. Howison, H. Hesley, J. R. Kirk, J. A. Asin, J. P. Moore and H. K. Whitford, for Cumberland.

MARRIED. On the 20th instant, by Rev. G. H. Norton, Mr. FRANCIS J. DAVIDSON to Miss BEIT M. ENGLISH, both of this city.

DIED. At half-past eleven o'clock, this morning, THOMAS KELL, in the 70th year of his age. The friends of the family are invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, corner of Fairfax and Queen streets, to-morrow (Friday) afternoon, at three o'clock. [Baltimore Sun please copy.]

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ALEXANDRIA, VA. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1873.

The Cuban Question.

[From the Washington Republican.]

The situation remains unchanged as regards the complications growing out of the Virginia case. The Government has received no advice of an official character which give additional information in the premises. From unofficial sources some inkling has been obtained regarding the probable position of the Spanish Government. Briefly, it may be said that the Madrid authorities will insist primarily that the Virginians was not an American vessel. It is known that her name does not appear on the official list at the Treasury Department as the Virginian, and that so far as her record is concerned it is not as perfect as it might be. She originally came into the possession of the Government at the close of the war as a capture by the army. She was then held by the bureau of captured and abandoned property. She was afterwards sold to certain parties in Mobile, among whom was a Federal official, who subsequently became a defaulter to the Government. In the recovery of the amount of that defalcation the vessel was turned over as the property of the defaulter and thus came into the possession of the Government. She was then brought to Washington and sold again to certain parties, including a gentleman named Patterson. During this time she was known as the Virgin. She was registered both at Mobile and New Orleans under that name, and as an American vessel. It is believed, however, that at the subsequent registry at New York her name was changed. She is now on the official list as the Virginia, of 441 tons burthen, No. 25,851, as a paddle wheel steamer, and having New York as her home port. The Spaniards will argue from these facts that she is not an American vessel, and not having been captured and condemned as a naval prize, or Americanized by special act of Congress, as required by law, the United States cannot claim that she was entitled to carry the American flag. They will also claim that she was built in England. Secondly, they will undoubtedly claim that inasmuch as she has not for a long time been used in legitimate mercantile traffic she cannot now be treated as a vessel entitled to consideration under the stipulations of treaty privileges and obligations. It is known that the Madrid Government has already agreed to yield such reclamation as reason and honor may dictate consistently with the preservation of the integrity of Spanish territory, and it is believed that in our demand for reclamation no intention is embraced to violate that territorial integrity; but the foregoing propositions may be submitted for the purpose of procuring delay. It is therefore not improbable that, in view of the questions of international law which may arise, the correspondence may be more protracted and extended than the patience of the American people will willingly submit to. It is believed that the Spanish authorities have obtained a complete history of the Virginians since the time she left New York, including what is said to have been an irregular sale or transfer by the Patterson party to Gen. Quesada or some representative of the Cuban insurgents. If this belief be true, it may be accepted as certain that the negotiation will be necessarily prolonged. Our government, however, will use its utmost endeavors to compel a speedy settlement, and will not submit to delays over frivolous objections or arguments regarding irrelevant points. It will be held that, notwithstanding the objections therein surmised, a plain violation of international law has been committed by Spain, and that her representative on the island of Cuba has been guilty of outrage against civilization, the barbarity of which demands immediate punishment.

The earnestness of the intentions of this Government is further confirmed by interviews with Secretary Richardson and Postmaster General Creswell. Both of these high officers of the Administration reiterate, in the most positive manner, that the demands of the American people will be fully enforced by President Grant. The Secretary of the Treasury, indeed, does not discourage the idea that a war with Spain and the acquisition of Cuba by the United States are likely to result from the present complications.

Latest dispatches from Havana do not contain any intelligence from Santiago later than that which has already been published, and we are accordingly still left in doubt as to whether the whole number of the hundred and fifty victims marked for death have yet been executed. The Archbishop of Havana, in a letter, thanks God for the conversion of some of the victims lately executed.

A grand ball light is to be given at Havana to-day in honor of the officers and crew of the Tornado. The Spanish colors were displayed in several of the streets of Havana on account of the arrival of the now so-called national steamer Virginian at that port.

Attorney General Williams, on a question submitted to him by the Secretary of the Treasury, directs that a payment made by a debtor to a creditor, who has committed an act of bankruptcy, and against whom proceedings in bankruptcy have been instituted and are pending, but who has not yet been adjudged a bankrupt, will not be valid in the event of an adjudication of bankruptcy in such proceedings if the payment transpired subsequent to the filing of the petition therein; second, that a payment made by a debtor to a creditor who is known to have committed an act of bankruptcy, but against whom proceedings have not at the time been taken, is valid in so far as it is affected by existing bankrupt laws.

A meeting of the Tobacco Association in Richmond yesterday passed a resolution requesting Congress to enact a law allowing license and other essential ingredients to pass under bond into their manufactories free of custom duty. They say such a law would greatly stimulate the production of the manufactured article for domestic consumption, as well as increase, by more than double, the amount now exported abroad, thereby increasing the balance of trade in favor of this country, and thus more than compensate the National Treasury for the loss of duty on these articles.

It is announced that there will be a considerable increase in the public debt this month, which is to be mainly attributed to the heavy falling off in custom receipts. About four and one-half million dollars will be paid out of the Treasury the last of this week to pension agents to meet the quarterly payment of pensions. The legal-tender reserve will be drawn upon to the extent of about eight millions additional to meet demands on the Treasury.

The announcement that Reverdy Johnson, Gov. Whyte and ex-Gov. Bradford and other gentlemen, whose names carry weight and influence would speak, in Baltimore, brought out last night an immense assemblage of people, who wished to hear the Cuban question intelligently discussed. When it was found that none of these gentlemen were present the interest visibly diminished, and the throng thinned out.

The Cumberland News says: "We learn that in consequence of the recent active movements in the U. S. Navy, considerable impetus has been given to our coal trade. It is not by any means improbable that for the recently equipped steam war